

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for attaching a ground-engaging tool to an implement frame of an implement adapted to move along the ground in an operating travel direction, the apparatus comprising:

a frame bracket defining a pair of laterally spaced parallel cylindrical bores, the frame bracket adapted for rigid attachment to the implement frame such that the bores are oriented substantially upright;

a pair of cylindrical shafts, one shaft slidingly engaged in each bore such that the shafts are maintained in a parallel, substantially upright orientation, wherein the shafts are connected such that the shafts slide in the bores substantially in unison;

~~a stop operative to selectively fix the position of the shafts with respect to the frame bracket; and~~

an opener bracket attached to a lower portion of both shafts and adapted for attachment to a ground-engaging tool; and

a stop operative to selectively fix the position of the shafts with respect to the frame bracket when the ground engaging tool is engaged in the ground.

2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the stop comprises a link member attached to the frame bracket and at least one of the shafts.
3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein the link member has a length that is adjustable.
4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 3 wherein the link member comprises an extendible actuator.

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